

Washington News

Even the President can get off wrong at times. Representative Bates, of the 25th Pennsylvania District, called on the President the other day. He listened with some interest to the President's eulogy of his service in the House—Mr. Bates is a Republican—and how difficult it would be to have good legislative work carried on if many more of Mr. Bates's class would leave, and the President then assured him of his good wishes in whatever occupation Mr. Bates might enlist himself. About that time Mr. Bates got onto the fact that the President thought him a lame duck and was going to cheer him up. He replied: "I hope, Mr. President, the fact that I am elected by 1,500 votes does not mean your estimate of me." And then the President laughed his good, hearty laugh, and assured him that there was no going behind the returns.

Mr. Robert H. Hamilton, one of the moneyed men of Pittsburgh, was in the city last week. Mr. Hamilton believes after years of earnest study abroad that the United States is far behind any other civilized nation in the world in the protection of its industrial workers. Mr. Hamilton says that people who visit Europe and see women working in the factories are struck by the civility of Europeans. "We are prone to speak of them as 'unincivilized' and treat them with scorn. But look at these women in Europe. They are stout, healthy, and blooming cheeks, and then look at our slim, pale, anemic shop girls. The trouble with us is that we have too much civility outdoors and too little indoors. I would rather have my daughter plow in the fields than work in the factories." Mr. Hamilton then goes on to tell about the making of the ordinary lucifer match, which is, in his opinion, the most dangerous of all industries. He says the effects of white phosphorus are so terrible, and that all other civilized countries have given up its use except the United States. Europe, he states, has abandoned it because of an international agreement, but the United States has made no move to that end. Mr. Hamilton also thinks that chronic overwork and the hurried system is the crowning evil of American industry. Mr. Hamilton deprecates the fact that 16-year-old girls can always get work, but that work which is restricted to women is that which requires long hours of standing on the feet. Structurally and anatomically women are not adapted to such work. He says that this labor is long enough. But every year there the Christmas season shop girls stand behind counters from 8 o'clock in the morning until midnight, and work the same hours day after day.

H. H. Cook, of Cincinnati, who has been in Washington this last week, rather surprised some of the pessimists. Mr. Cook is connected with a large jobbing house and the larger cities of the country. He declares that mechanics throughout the country have reported that there has been a larger amount of business than at any time ever before, and he argues from this that there is plenty of money, and that it is being put into circulation.

The office of Chancellor of the Smithsonian Institution having been vacant since the death of Chief Justice Fuller, the Board of Regents, headed by Mr. Sherman, Vice President of the United States, to fill the vacancy. Resolutions of sorrow at the death of Chief Justice Fuller were passed.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has been quite seriously ill with a severe cold, but it is thought that he will be at his desk in a few days.

Attorney-General Wickham states that it only costs \$2,000 to run the Department of Justice during the last year. As Congress appropriated \$1,000,000 more for that purpose, Attorney-General Wickham says that it is a record of the fact that he has saved \$1,000,000 to the Treasury. It will, of course, be well to wait until emergency appropriation comes in the next year, when it is very likely that some of these Government Departments reporting such tremendous savings will have to ask for emergency appropriation to make up for the former parsimony.

Senator Clark of Arkansas at least has the courage of his convictions as far as they go. Somebody asked him what he thought of the appointment of Judge Lane to the Supreme Court, and he said: "I don't know him," said Senator Clark, "but all of us Democrats are for him because he's from down yonder." The Senator ought to have some slight knowledge of a man fitted for the Supreme Court bench.

By way of Georgia delegation in the House has had a caucus, and decided to support Mr. Livingston, of Georgia, for Sergeant-at-Arms for the next Congress, and to support other aspirants up to the present moment, and indications are for a lively fight. Mr. Livingston is pretty old and tottery for the place.

In the settlement of the Ogden Mills estate Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, daughter of the late Ogden Mills and wife of the French Ambassador, has been named as partial distribution of the California estate of her father. There is a whole heap more to follow.

The new torpedo-boat destroyer McCall, tried out on the Government testing range at the Naval Academy, Bay last week, made over 33 knots an hour. This would go to prove that the oil burner is going to be a success on the submarine, the McCall being fitted up in that way. At least that is what the Navy Department thinks of it.

One sign of the times that there is no need for Esperanto as a universal language was emphatically exemplified at the French Embassy the other day, by clerk of one of the United States Senators to deliver a message and a package both to deliver at the French Embassy, and was evidently quite green in the business. He thought it necessary to furnish up his college French a little bit to use it when he met the Ambassador. He arrived at the door, and when the footman opened the door he addressed some remarks in French to him, handing him the package, declaring that he desired to deliver it to the Ambassador. The footman looked at the young man severely, evidently not knowing just exactly how to take him. Then he said, "Can't you speak English or German?" and the young college-bred clerk, secretary to a United States Senator, does not know yet whether the servant was linguistically deficient or whether he was trying to teach him a lesson. As a matter of fact, you can go to any Embassy or Legation in this city, and you will hear spoken there the very clearest of English.

Capt. Wm. T. Fry, a veteran of 72 years of age, died alone in his room in this city one day last week of pulmonary hemorrhage. Capt. Fry was employed in the Census Office, and was

Governor the social amenities of the position will be punctiliously carried out, but except to himself as Governor will be out.

Washington has contributed a little over \$12,000 to the \$2,000,000 permanent endowment fund to be raised in the cities of the United States by the American National Red Cross Society. This leaves only \$1,988,000 to be raised in Washington to complete her assessment of \$33,000.

The Supreme Court of the United States joined with the charity workers of the District at the annual meeting of the Associated Charities last week in paying tribute to the memory of the late Justice David J. Brewer. Justice Brewer until his death was President of an active worker in the ranks of the Associated Charities, and was also a very active member of the First Congregational Church, in which the exercises were held.

A rather peculiar case came under the eyes of a physician in Washington the other day when a young man came in with a swathed-up hand, and after unwrapping it, the doctor saw a young man with a thumb under the nose of the physician, with the order that he jab a knife into it and see what it felt. The physician, who was a very young man, light a small lemon tree. Both physician and patient were decidedly surprised, but there was no getting around the fact that a very small lemon seed had sprouted in the man's thumb. He stated that some time ago, while cutting a lemon, his knife slipped and cut a groove in his thumb. He simply tied the thumb up without washing it, and the cut healed, but has always caused him more or less pain, so he decided when it began to swell up. The theory is that a small lemon seed got on the point of the knife and landed in the cut. The young man put it in a flower pot, and is going to see if it won't continue growing—that is, the lemon tree.

Postmaster-General Frank H. Hitchcock, who met up with a deficit of \$17,500,000 last year, the largest in the history of the Post Office Department, is now only \$5,848,566. Postmaster-General Hitchcock shows that \$11,651,434 was saved in the last fiscal year, and that the deficit was the result of his office's last fiscal year.

Washington society is blessed with four extraordinary superlative eligibles for the social center of the country. They are Capt. Archibald Butt, Military Aid and protégé of President Taft; Mr. Frank H. Hitchcock, Postmaster-General; Mr. John D. Long, Secretary of the Interior; and Mr. Wm. R. Hitt, social arbiter of the Washington younger set.

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Charles Taft, youngest son of President Taft, is one of five students confirmed by the Right Rev. Benjamin Brewster, Bishop of western Colorado, in Christ Episcopal Church, Watertown, N. Y., last week. Charles Taft is himself a Unitarian. Mrs. Taft is an Episcopalian, and her daughter, Miss Helen Taft, was confirmed here in Washington. The White House is during President Roosevelt's Administration.

Count Adolf von Goetzen, who was the German Military Attaché at Washington in 1895-1900, died in Bremen last week. He was born in 1846. Count von Goetzen was prominently mentioned at Washington for the Ambassadorship prior to the appointment of Count von Bernstorff. He married Mrs. Stanley Lay in America, in 1888. After leaving Washington he was Governor of German East Africa, and later Prussian Minister to Hamburg.

It will be remembered that the Emperor of Japan last Spring sent several thousand Japanese cherry trees to Mrs. Taft to be placed along the Potomac. The trees were planted in the cherry trees were found to be infected with a peculiar injurious Japanese insect, and for fear they would contaminate the cherry trees in this country, the whole lot was burned. It is now announced that the Japanese authorities are sending another consignment of cherry trees to this country, and it is hoped that they will be free of all disease. Mrs. Taft has on numerous occasions been honored by the Japanese Government. The White House is a magnificent and well-kept place, and the Japanese cherry trees are a beautiful addition to the grounds.

Brig.-Gen. Oliver Ellsworth Wood, U. S. Army, retired, died Dec. 4, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, of stomach trouble. He was 65 years of age. General Wood was born in Hartford, Conn., in 1844. Oliver Ellsworth Wood received his first military training when he enlisted as a private in the 1st Connecticut Cavalry, and served in the Civil War. He was discharged in 1863 in order to enter West Point, whence he was graduated in 1867.

He was graduated from the Artillery School in 1888, and in 1891 was made Major of the Artillery Corps. His last duty was as Chief of the Artillery in the Japanese Expedition to Korea in 1905. On Oct. 1, 1906, he was retired, with the rank of Brigadier-General. He was then Colonel in the Artillery Corps.

Rummage Sales Fifty. Here in Washington one of the chief expedients for raising funds for churches and charitable work is a rummage sale. The sale comes off the Committee on Ways and Means for the different organizations. The city from time to time is covered with rummage sales, and the city is a sight to see. There are now two vessels bearing these names, but they will be renamed. The new names are now being taken. Admiral John Hubbard, Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic Squadron, will be henceforth known as the Manhattan. The second-rate battleship Texas, which is now obsolete, is at the Charleston Navy Yard, and will be named the San Marcos.

Former Associate Justice Wm. H. Moody is in a very critical condition at his home in this city. There are grave doubts expressed that Mr. Moody will ever again resume public duties of any character. His trouble is rheumatism, fever, and uric acid poisoning is imminent.

Thomas Harrison, 82 years old, has just celebrated his 82d year as clerk in the Naval Observatory. Mr. Harrison says that he has outlived two generations of men since he came to the Observatory. He has seen the growth of the Nation from 2,000,000 to 22,000,000 in the United States.

The Legislature of Kentucky has decided to redistrict the State, and the Republicans from that State are naturally on the anxious bench, as it is generally believed that the State will be gerrymandered by the Democrats if possible.

Hiram W. Johnson, Governor-elect of California, who was in the city last week, declares against public inaugural ceremonies for Governors. He says he only wants the simplest and plainest of ceremonies, and will not have an inaugural ball. He says he won't have an inaugural ball, but that while he is

have colored blood in their veins is simply a display of ignorance. That is the worst of it, and it is going to be a long time before many a long day.

At a meeting of the Kentucky Democratic Association, held last week, Champ Clark was endorsed for Speaker of the House. This is the first State delegation that has acted on the Speaker question.

Champ Clark, the Missouri Speaker-Expectant, has served in the House since he was elected in 1892, with the exception of one term. That was the second time he ran in 1894, when he was defeated. Mr. Clark is now to say that he has known as much about politics in 1894 as he knows now he would have won out that year, although it was a Republican landslide.

Glad They Came to St. Cloud. Mrs. Sarah A. Mathews writes an interesting letter to the St. Cloud Tribune about her and her family's experience in reaching the town of St. Cloud, Minn., on Nov. 29 in the midst of a dark, gloomy day, with a snowstorm the climax of a month of snowfall. They came into the town, and they found their train filled with people, each one going to a different place in Florida and each convinced that his destination was the best part of the State. Efforts were made at Jacksonville to persuade them to stop and invest there, but their baggage had been checked thru to St. Cloud, and this helped them to resist the temptations of Jacksonville, Miami, Sanford and Orlando. They finally reached the town, and then they were met by a crowd of people. Part of this gladness was on account of the sunshine and the atmosphere, but most of it was on account of the splendid welcome they received from the comrades and their wives. Everyone they met gave them the hearty reception of old friends.

J. P. Westcott and his children arrived from the North on Saturday last, and are located at the new St. Cloud Hotel for the Winter. J. H. Hart and son Eldred, of Prairie, Ohio, arrived Monday afternoon, and are stopping with Mrs. Chase. Mr. Hart owns property on Missouri between 15th and 16th streets, and expects to build. Mr. Hart and family are delighted with St. Cloud, and find it far above their expectations.

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son's house in Louisville, Ky., in the Summer of 1894.

Frederick Stout, Wrightsville, Pa., wants to hear from some of the boys who helped to build the Statue of Liberty. He is now in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa., and the Statue is now in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa.

William Bailey, Co. B, 124th Ind., in order to assist one of the old comrades. William Bailey, Co. B, 124th Ind., in order to assist one of the old comrades.

I am in receipt of your booklet, entitled "The Soul Growth of Abraham Lincoln," for which I heartily thank you. I have read it very carefully and with great pleasure, and shall treasure it as the best and most beautiful expression of your picture of our martyred President that I have ever seen.—T. E. Blanchard, Past Department Commander, Santa Cruz, Cal.

I have received your beautiful tribute to Abraham Lincoln, and I cannot tell you how highly I appreciate it. It is simply grand.—S. P. Strahan, Past Department Commander, Perry, Okla.

Please accept my sincere thanks for the "Soul Growth of Abraham Lincoln." It is the most beautiful tribute I have ever read to our beloved President. Since Lincoln's assassination I have looked upon him as the best man that ever lived except the boy who was born in the manger. You have given us a new insight into the life of the great Commander. I am glad to hear that you have received the same in regard to Lincoln in Post rooms and at campfires, but not as sublime and lofty as you have penned it. He was God's instrument to lead this Nation back to the Declaration of Independence and liberty for all men. I am proud that we have one in our ranks who can write such lofty sentiments.—Thomas Lundy, Department Commander, Salt Lake City, Utah.

I thank you very much for your "Soul Growth of Abraham Lincoln." It is very fine, true and does him justice. He is the providence of God, and when he needs a man for some great reform he raises him up. I shall cherish it as a memento.—Gustavus Jaeger, Elmore, O.

The "Soul Growth of Abraham Lincoln" received, for which I thank you very much, indeed. It is majestic and sublime. Since my boyhood days, when I used to call, insidiously, one of his hairlines and more particularly his forehead, in April, 1865, my soul thoughts of Lincoln have entirely grown along the lines and sentiments you have so truthfully and so profoundly expressed. So you may well imagine how close the sentiments come home to me and how hard they hit me sometimes when I stop to think.—John L. Taylor, Greeley, Neb.

The "Soul Growth of Abraham Lincoln" is certainly a lofty view of Mr. Lincoln's life and character, but not more lofty than the position he attained in the esteem of mankind. You have done yourself great honor in your expression to the thoughts you have in such a charming manner.—W. S. Adams, A. A. G., Department of Ohio, G. A. R., Columbus, O.

I am in receipt of your "Soul Growth of Abraham Lincoln," which please accept my thanks. Everything which relates to the subject of your sketch, and especially when so attractively treated, is of interest to me. I am always of interest in the lives of the old soldiers of the civil war, but to all the world.—John Y. Hewitt, Past Department Commander, White Oaks, N. M.

Information Wanted. John Manier, Watertown, N. Y., wants the address of George Warner, who enlisted from Rutland, Vt., in the 1st Vermont Cavalry, and in Harri's Light Cavalry. A. Northrup, Rutland, Vt., wants to hear from anyone who served with him in the 1st Vermont Cavalry, and was in the Libby Prison, and was in the 1st Vermont Cavalry.

Charles Perry, 315 Clinton Ave., Minneapolis, Minn., wants to hear from anyone who served with him in the 1st Vermont Cavalry, and was in the Libby Prison, and was in the 1st Vermont Cavalry.

Andrew Weller, Formosa, Ont., Canada, wants to correspond with any old comrades of the 4th Mich. He served in Co. G, 1st Minn., and Co. G, 2d Ohio.

Mrs. John Comstock, 1707 National Ave., San Diego, Cal., has a photograph of her husband played thru the war, and which she wants to sell. Comstock served in the 4th Mich.

Wm. G. Reiff, Carlsbad, N. Mex., wants the addresses of members of the 19th N. Y. in order to locate John W. Reiff, who was a prisoner at Ft. McPherson, and who was a prisoner at Ft. McPherson, and who was a prisoner at Ft. McPherson.

The St. Andrew's Bay Development Company has in press a handsomely illustrated folder descriptive of the new National Tribune Colony in Washington, Fla. The folder contains many half-tones, views of actual scenes in that coming prosperous section of Florida, there are comprehensive maps and descriptions of the various resorts, and opportunities of that region. The folder will be sent free to any applicant by writing to The National Tribune, Washington, D. C.

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